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Changes Continue on South Willamette Street

While discreet, slight design changes are helping to better direct those who drive, bike and walk on parts of south Willamette Street. On the night of July 5, crews made several alterations to the restriping portion of the South Willamette Improvement Project, with the focus on the center turn lane.

Following communication and follow up with business owners and drivers along the corridor, engineers directed contractors to remove the dedicated left turn lanes at non-signalized intersections. Those turn lanes were replaced with two-way left turn lanes. These changes should better accommodate access to businesses. Crews also painted the new curb at the Woodfield Station yellow. This is intended to keep people from driving over it.





This spring south Willamette Street was restriped, from 24th to 29th avenues. Work included one travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane and a bicycle lane in each direction. As part of the project, crews installed a new traffic signal at Woodfield Station and widened the street in several locations. Engineers have also adjusted the timing of multiple traffic signals as the project progressed.

Part of the South Willamette Improvement Project includes a year-long pilot study. Engineers are currently collecting traffic data to see how the changes impact those who use the street. All of the study information will be delivered to the City Council in the summer of 2017. Councilors could decide a permanent design for Willamette Street, ahead of a 2018 project to repave the street. For more information on the pilot project contact [Chris Henry](#), Transportation Planning Engineer, at 541-682-8472.

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Eugene Public Library's Annual Teddy Bear Picnic

The Teddy Bear Picnic, a beloved annual tradition for families with young children, will be hosted by Eugene Public Library in the park outside Campbell Community Center, 155 High Street, on Saturday, July 16, at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate Summer Reading with live music by Carleen and Mike McCornack and the Garden Variety Band. Bring snacks and a teddy bear or favorite stuffed friend to play in the park. For more information, visit www.eugene-or.gov/library or call Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316.



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Tiny Fibers Provide Needed Reinforcement for Park



While hard to notice, the ground is considerably more stable in parts of Maurie Jacobs Park. Public Works Maintenance crews earlier this month mixed thousands of sheets of tiny fibers into a sandy soil mix near the underground stormwater vault inside the park.

The fiber sheets, each slightly larger than a postage stamp, are intended to reinforce the ground around the stormwater facility, specifically for heavy machinery. Large trucks are used to empty the vault which can contain

up to seven tons of debris. Because of the combined weight of the truck and debris, they can do a number on the soil, especially during the rainy season.

The fiber sheets work by allowing grass roots to grow together, which then spreads the surface load out across a broader area. This should keep the soil intact during the vault cleanouts and keep soil repair to a minimum. For more information on the fiber installation project, call Rob Hallett, acting Subsurface Maintenance Manager, at 541-682-4838.



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Eugene Outdoor Rec Celebrates 50th Anniversary on July 23

50th Anniversary Celebration
Sat., July 23 • 4 - 7 p.m.
at the River House Eddy
behind the River House
301 N. Adams

Activities include:

- Kayak Demo
- Stand-Up Paddle Board Demo
- Face Painting
- Circus Arts
- Bike Parade at 7 p.m.
- Fun For All Kid Zone
- Climbing Rope Bracelets (1 hour only)
- FREE CAKE

Music by Eleven Eyes
Food Cart: Hot Mama's Wings

Limited edition commemorative stainless steel pint glass will be available for purchase (\$10)

Partners include:

Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission

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On July 23, the City of Eugene will celebrate Eugene Outdoor Rec's 50th anniversary. The free, public festivity takes place from 4-7 p.m. at the River House Outdoor Center on 301 N Adams St. (a short stroll from the Owen Rose Garden).

The outdoor event celebrates one of the many spaces that make our community special. The River House will host kayak and paddleboard demos on the river, live music, food carts and fun for all ages. Participants will also have the opportunity to purchase a limited-edition commemorative stainless steel pint glass.

Throughout the year, the dedicated and passionate team at the River House Outdoor Center plan a wide range of activities, including biking, tree climbing, kayaking, sailing, skateboarding and more.

RSVP to the event Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1644866575832494/>.

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Water Channel Restored to Improve Flows

A critical connection between the Willamette River and Delta Ponds is restored following years of abuse and inappropriate "engineering." Public Works crews created an inlet weir as part of the Delta Ponds capital project in 2005. The intent was to allow water to flow into the Delta Ponds when the river was high.

Over the years illegal campers used rock to add to the weir for dry passage to a favorite camp site. Vegetation then started growing in the elevated weir and trapping even more debris and further raising the channel's bottom.

Last month, public works crews from natural areas and engineering returned the weir to its designed height. They're also working with a contractor to install a fence near the bike path. This will help keep illegal campers and their bikes out of the area. For more information on this project, call [Lauri Holts](#) at 541-682-4925.



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